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Scott Festival of Races yields surprise winners, also-rans

Steve Scott runs 4:13 to take Masters in own festival

by Ninette Sosa

Santee's Sunday morning of fame comes when the Steve Scott Festival of Races hits town.

It's almost the only morning when traffic comes to a halt on Mission Gorge Road and runners hit the street.

This is the fifth year for the race and more than 1,000 people pre-registered to run. The good news is that even with the threat of El Niño, 1998 brought sunshine and twice the people to participate and watch the race.

First place for the Women's Invitational was Leah Pells, 33, from Canada with a winning time of 4:28, just one second off the women's record.

"I didn't look back," said Pells, who has placed third the last three times at the Scott Invitational. "I was tired, but I gave it my best shot."

Placing first in the Men's Invitational was South Carolina's Terrance Herrington, running 3:57, tying the men's record. The Men's Invitational was so close, the top 10 runners came in within 2 seconds of each other.

Herrington said he surprised himself when he placed first, especially because of recent injuries. He broke his foot in 1996 and that weakened his hip, making it tough to run at all.

The defining moment for Herrington was after the hairpin U-turn. The 31-year-old is known for his kick at the end of the mile — which he used near the 200-meter mark — a kick that left everyone else wondering what went by.

The first-place finish meant more than just winning, it elevated his self-esteem.

"My career was going downhill," said Herrington. "Now I hope it can go back up if I can stay injury free."

A surprising 10th-place finisher was defending champion, two-time festival winner and 1998 Olympian, Jason Pyrah, he came in with a run time of 3:59.

The legendary Steve Scott placed first in the Men's Masters despite the last couple of months being an emotional roller coaster in his personal life. His father died two weeks ago and he's going through a divorce.

"Psychologically, it has been challenging to keep up the training end," said Scott. He said he was focused for the invitational, placing first.

West Hills High School Junior Heather Shurtleff, 17, placed first in the 15 - 18 female division.

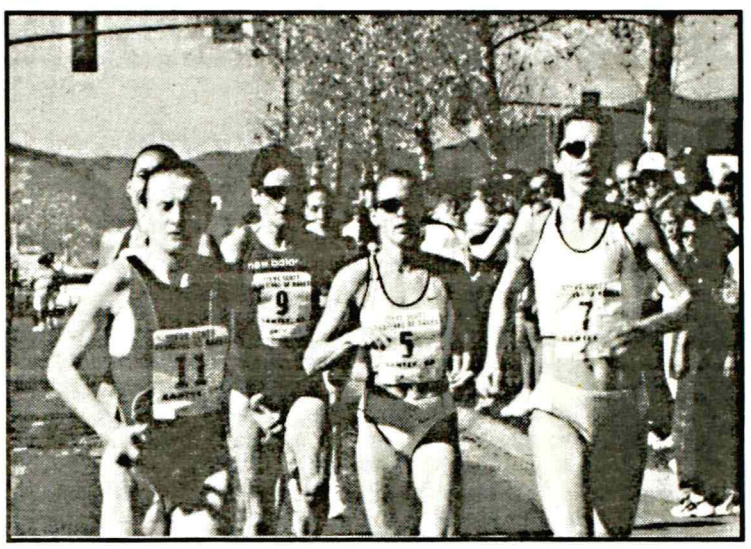
"I went to London with a running team to get in shape," said Shurtleff. Her winning time was 5:18.

This year's purse was $13,000, with Terrence Herrington and Leah Pells running away with $3,000 apiece; $2,000 went to Phillimon Hanneck (Zimbabwe) and Maria Akraka; and $1,500 for third-place finishers Ibrahim Aden (Somalia) and Suzy Hamilton (Wisconsin).

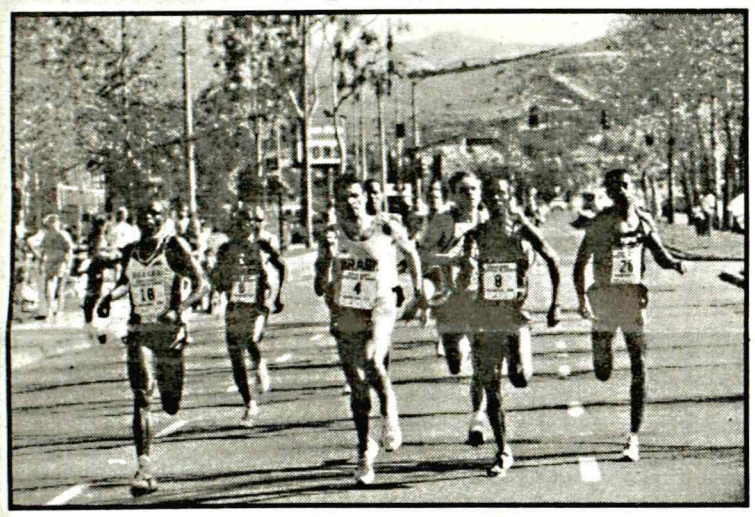
Forty-year-old Ruth Wysocki placed first for the Women's Mile with a final finish time of 4:42.

Unfortunately, consistency has hit Suzy Hamilton — she has been runner-up at the Steve Scott Festival the last three years.

This time, the two-time Olympian came in third — missing second place by one second — her run time was 4:30. Maria Akraka from Sweden, who is the Swedish indoor 1,500 record holder, came in second at 4:29.



Maintaining a lead she took at the Cuyamaca 180-degree turn, Leah Pells of Canada (#7) nears finish line during Scott Festival Women's Invitational on Sunday. She maintained her lead to win with a time of 4:28, just one second off the women's course record. Pells, after three consecutive third places in Santee, finally took home the first-place prize of $3,000. To the left are second-place finisher Anna Jakubzak of Poland (#11) and Suzy Hamilton of the U.S. (#5), who finished third. *Photo by Joe Naiman*



As he did most of the race, defending invitational champion Edgar Olivera (#4 - Brazil) holds lead with 200 yards to go over Julius Achon (#18 - Uganda) and Ibrahim Aden (#8 - Somalia). But Terrance Herrington (#26 - South Carolina), on the right, surprised them all by sprinting past the leaders to take the Scott Invitational Mile in record tying time of 3:57.

Photo by Joe Naiman

Helix-Grossmont rivalry not nearly as intense since Grossmont League divided

by Joe Naiman

With Grossmont High School and Helix High School both being ranked among the county's top boys' basketball teams, the Jan. 30 game at Helix drew interest among students and fans of both schools.

Helix prevailed with a 65-58 victory over the Foothillers, but Highlanders coach John Singer denied that the rivalry between the two schools was as strong as it was during the days of Bill Walton, Gilbert Olinde and Ralph Drollinger.

"I don't know if it's that big of a rivalry with our kids," Singer said. "Maybe with the school, but I don't think with individual basketball players it's that big."

Accuse a Helix graduate of having attended Grossmont or vice-versa and you'll receive dirty looks. But the Grossmont Conference, which was at one time a single league, has been divided into North and South, and Grossmont and Helix are no longer even league opponents.

Singer said that the focus was on league play, not on what has become interconference play. "Our number one goal is our league," he said. "It's just as important that we win Tuesday as it is tonight."

The win over Grossmont is important for seeding considerations. The game tonight, is against Granite Hills and counts in the league standings for Helix.

For Helix's Ron Johnson, the game against Grossmont took on a matter of personal importance. Grossmont's Vince Okotie will be receiving a basketball scholarship from San Diego State, and Johnson wants to join Okotie.

A good game against Grossmont meant additional notice for the shorter Johnson. Okotie scored 23 points in the game while, in a more balanced offense, Johnson scored 18.

Among two individuals with significant college potential, it was a major matchup in the 1997-98 season. But the biggest significance for the current team is that Helix is now 18-3 instead of 17-4.

The fact that the Helix and Grossmont players and coaching staff don't consider each other rivals under the new league format didn't deter fans from creating a standing-room only situation. "That was nice to see a crowd tonight," said Singer.

Steve Scott Festival of Races

Feb 1, Santee

Individual Results (first three places)

Men and boys

Name	time
Men's Invitational	
Terrance Herrington	3:57
Phillimon Hanncek	3:57
Igrihim Aden	.3:57
Masters	
Steve Scott	.4:13
Nolan Shaheed	4:28
Jeangelan Ruleau	4:30
Men 19-39	
Kim White	4:21
Kenny Kane	4:22
Carlos Cota	4:24
Men 15-18	
Cheyne Jones	4:21
Jason Finch	4:25
Brendan Maas	4:26
Boys 11-14	
Aaron Markland	4:53
Lucas Pepin	4:56
Jeffrey Hunter	5:00
Boys 7-10	
Christopher Poma	5:50
Kurtis Hoppie	5:58
Carmelo Martinez	6:00

Women and girls

Name	time
Women's Invitational	
Leah Pells	4:28
Maria Akraka...	4:29
Suzy Hamilton..	4:30
Women and Masters	
Ruth Wysocki	4:42
Alisa Rodgers	5:11
Kimberlee Campo	5:17
Women 15-18	
Heather Shurtleff	5:18
Andrea Clemons	5:32
Kelly Grimes	5:37
Girls 11-14	
Desiree Davila	5:14
Nastassja Hall	5:14
Jayme Ambos	5:20
Female 7-10	
Brenda Cohen	6:08
Denise Broers	6:08
Susan De Leon	6:23

Community college offering computer and leadership classes

The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District will be offering the following upcoming courses:

Windows 95, Part I: Participants will learn the latest Windows program. It's the most popular operation system currently in the marketplace. The class takes place from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. on Sunday in Room 533 at Grossmont College. The cost is $35 for 4 hours of instruction. Preregistration is required.

Word 97: This is the word-processing program for the rest of the 90's. The class will meet from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Sunday at Cuyamaca College, Room E-102, 900 Rancho San Diego Pkwy in El Cajon. The cost is $69 for 6 hours of instruction. Preregistration is required.

New managers or managers wanting a review on human motivation, functions of a leader, critical issues facing a manager today and leadership styles will have the opportunity to take a course at Grossmont College. "Basic Leadership Training for New Managers." offers basic training in the management and leadership arena. The cost is $34 and registration is required. The class will meet from 1 to 5 p.m. beginning Friday at Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon. To register for any of these classes, call 660-4350.

Burn Institute gets $25,000 grant

The Grossmont Healthcare District has presented a grant of $25,000 to the Burn Institute to expand the institute's services in East County.

The funds will be used for fire and burn prevention programs throughout East County, with an emphasis on those serving the area's senior citizens. With the grant from the Grossmont Healthcare District, the Burn Institute plans to expand its program offering free smoke detectors to seniors.

Seniors who meet the following criteria can call the Burn Institute at 541-2277 to sign-up for free installation of a smoke detector:

- Must be over 55 years of age.
- Must own your own home.
- Must be without a working smoke detector in the home.

The Burn Institute is a nonprofit health agency dedicated to reducing the number of burn injuries and deaths in San Diego and Imperial counties. Founded in 1972, the institute's first accomplishment was founding the area's first and only regional burn center, located in San Diego.

Today, the Burn Institute continues to fund vital burn research and treatment, reach thousands of adults and children each year with fire and burn prevention prevention education programs, and conduct burn survivor support programs including Camp Beyond the Scars for burn-injured children.

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Community Notes

AARP offering Tax-Aide program to seniors

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will offer its Tax-Aide program to seniors beginning Sunday and continuing through April 1.

The program involves volunteers who provide free assistance to middle- and low-income taxpayers age 60 and older.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the IRS, are knowledgeable about federal income taxes, as well as state and local taxes. They can complete basic income tax forms and answer tax questions.

Those interested in the program are asked to bring current tax records and a copy of last year's income tax return to a Tax-Aide site. Appointments are required.

Lemon Grove has the following Tax-Aide locations:

Lemon Grove VFW 7864, 6667 Federal Blvd. Call Ollie Wilkinson for an appointment at 286-6306.

Lemon Grove Senior Center, 8235 Mount Vernon St. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call 460-0430 for an appointment.

February educational programs offered seniors

Grossmont Hospital's Senior Resource Center will offer the following free or low-cost educational programs for seniors in February:

Line Dancing will take place from 1 - 2:30 p.m., Feb. 5 and 19 at Grossmont Hospital's Brier Patch Campus, Rooms 13 and 14, 9000 Wakarusa St. The cost is $2 per person at the door. Registration is required. Call 1-800-82-SHARP.

Blood Pressure Screenings will be offered from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Lakeside Community Center, 9841 Vine St., Lakeside.

Attention Review Readers!

Help Steven Saint, Cheryl Cohen and the rest of the gang celebrate Chinese New Year!

Friday, Feb. 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Linlee's Chinese Cuisine
4700 Spring St. in La Mesa
(next to the Village Trolley station)

Cost: $6! Please RSVP at 462-8485

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
APN: 480-491-02 LOAN NO: 10327120
REF: DAVID G CHAUDRON T.S. No: 1004010-11
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MAY 8, 1991. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
On February 10, 1998, at 10:00 AM, American Securities Company, a California corporation as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded May 22, 1991, as inst. No. 91-241995, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, State of California executed by David G Chaudron anc Beverly H Chaudron, husband and wife, as joint tenants Will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held At the entrance to the East County Regional Center by Statue, 250 E. Main Street El Cajon, California all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said Deed of Trust.
The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7655 San Miguel Avenue Lemon Grove CA 91945
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein.
Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust to wit: $115,715.35 with interest thereon from 01/01/1997 @ 8.875 % per annum as provided in said note(s) plus cost and any advances with interest. ESTIMATED TOTAL DEBT $129,713.71
The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.
For sales information: Mon-Fri 8:00am to 5:00pm (619)590-9200
American Securities Company c/o Cal-Western Reconveyance Corp. P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 (619) 590-9200 Dated: January 7, 1998
American Securities Company (Trustee) By: Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation (Agent) By Gail McAllister, Authorized Signature, Trustee Sale Officer: Gail A McAllister Ext. 3020
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CITY OF LEMON GROVE
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NOBLE STREET STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS
CONTRACT NO. 97-31

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The work to be done consists of furnishing all materials, equipment, tools, supervision, labor, and incidentals required to complete the above stated project. The work consists of removing a 12" CMP storm drain culvert, across Noble Street, and installing an 18" HDPE storm drain culvert with inlets and junction structures between the addresses 1980 and 1976 Noble Street and 1975 and 1993 Lemon Grove Avenue, in the City of Lemon Grove.
This project has a goal of (2) percent Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises (DVBE) participation.
The bids received will be publicly opened and read at City Hall, 3232 MAin Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945, at the time stated above. Award shall be made by the City Council at a meeting subsequent to the date above set for the opening of bids.
The bid package may be examined at the Lemon Grove City Hall, 3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, CA. Copies of the bid package and the specifications may be obtained by calling Scantech, Inc. at (619) 495-0727 and picking them up at 7283-H Engineer Road, San Diego, CA 92111, at a cost of (approximately $13.00 per set. The mailing fee is dependent on desired method of delivery. All bidders should direct their questions during the bidding period to Carmen Kasner, John Powell & Associates at (760) 763-1120.
All work must be completed in 21 calendar days after the commencement date stated in the Notice to Proceed. No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of Business and Professions Code. **The bidder for this Contract must possess a valid General Engineering Contractors 'A' License.**
The successful bidder must have a City of Lemon Grove Business License prior to commencement of work.
The City Council of Lemon Grove hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement for bids, that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.
Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements of wage rates to be paid under the Contract. It should be noted by all bidders that the current State Prevailing Wage Rate Scale for the San Diego area will be required to be paid by all bidders under the conditions of the Contract. Specifically, this wage scale is the most recent "General Prevailing Wage Determination Made By The Director of Industrial Relations Pursuant To California Labor Code Division 2, Chapter 1, Part 7, Article 2, 3 and 5." It shall be the responsibility of the Prime Contractor to comply with all applicable sections of the California Labor Code including but not limited to Sections 1776 and 1777.5.
Funds for this project will be provided through the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. CDBG funds constitute 100 percent of the total budget.
The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, any combination of bids, or any informality in a bid. Bids must be accompanied by a 10% bid bond as specified in Section 1, General Information for Bidders of the documents. No bidder may withdraw his bid without forfeiture of his bid bond within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the bid opening.
Prospective bidders are herby directed to pay particular attention to the applicable section in the specifications for full directions and requirements as to submittal of bids, bonds and agreements.
The City of Lemon Grove complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require reasonable accommodations for this bid opening, contact the City Clerk's Office, (619) 464-6934 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled opening.

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LEMON GROVE'S SHERIFF'S STATION IMPROVEMENT
3240 MAIN STREET & 3225 OLIVE STREET
CONTRACT NO. 97-16

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The work to be done consists of furnishing all materials, equipment, tools, supervision, labor, and incidentals required to complete the above stated project. The work consists of installing and painting interior walls, stucco ceilings and doors. Replacing existing carpet and vinyl floors, removing plumbing fixtures and installing drywall framings and restroom accessories and modifying electrical and HVAC systems at the two locations above in the City of Lemon Grove. Both locations are essential services buildings and all remodeling shall conform to applicable standards.
A prebid meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. February 17, 1998 at 3240 Main Street, site of the Lemon Grove Sheriff's Substation. The City will not consider change orders for failure to understand the conditions of the project if a representative of the low bidder is not present at the prebid meeting. No other access to the sites will be provided. The bids received will be publicly opened and read at City Hall, 3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, CA. 91945, at the time stated above. Award shall be made by the City Council at a meeting subsequent to the date above set for the opening of bids.
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All work must be completed in 75 calendar days after the commencement date stated in the Notice to Proceed. No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of Business and Professions Code. **The bidder for this Contract must possess a valid General Building Contractors 'B' License.** The successful bidder must have a City of Lemon Grove Business License prior to commencement of work.
The City Council of Lemon Grove hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement for bids, that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.
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Keeping ball under control

Santee Div. 3 Boys All Stars player keeps his eye on the ball as La Mesa player pursues during first round Area V all star's play-off game at Tierra del Sol School in Lakeside on Jan. 24. La Mesa won match, 8-2. Play continued through last weekend to decide teams to advance to next round. *Photo by Mike Krawczak*

Sports Beat
with Greg Eichelberger

Now that the Super Bowl is history and all we have to look forward to is the middle of lame NBA and NHL seasons until the Padres play, the scenes in the Mile High City have peaked my interest. What is it about cities whose teams have just won major championships? Why do many brain-dead citizens use the triumph as an opportunity to destroy automobiles, burn down buildings and trash the tourist trade?

I think this all began in 1984 when the Detroit Tigers thumped the Padres in the World Series, then watched in horror as their idiotic "fans" celebrated by rioting, looting and ruining the reputation of the team (and city) for years to come.

Now, after four previous failures, the Denver Broncos finally grabbed the brass ring, prompting scores of drunken morons to overturn cars all in the name of revelry. Tear gas canisters, fire hoses and wildly swinging batons are my answer to those kinds of shenanigans. What's yours?

The San Diego State Aztecs were riding a mini-winning streak, of sorts, with recent wins over Rice (62-59) and San Jose State (88-75). Then, they took on Jerry Tarkanian's suspension delpleted Fresno State squad on Saturday night, losing a high-scoring game by three points after missing a three-pointer with 0.7 seconds remaining.

The Aztec men's volleyball team pulled a major upset over the 16th-ranked University of Southern California Trojans (4-4) last Wednesday, coming from a two games to none deficit to win 12-15, 4-15, 15-9, 15-1, 15-12 at USC to make their record 1-2 for the year.

Meanwhile, the Grossmont College Griffins men's basketball team (10-12, 2-4) continues to struggle, dropping a recent contest to the Imperial Valley College Arabs (of all nicknames), 87-81.

Former Grossmont College (and now Colorado State) football player, Darran Hall (the co-MPV of the Holiday Bowl), and former Mount Miguel star Robert Griffith (now with the Minnesota Vikings), were chosen as Amateur and Pro Stars of the Month by the Breitbard Hall Of Champions.

Later on this month, that organization will honor hometown heroes Ted Williams, Tony Gwynn, Dave Winfield, Alan Trammell, Fred Dryer and Super Bowl MVP (and Lincoln High grad) Terrell Davis. For details, call 234-2544.

Following two embarrassing home losses, the Gulls hockey team took two games on the road in Idaho to bring its record to 26-6-1, but lost one of the best goalies in the game, back-up Danny Laviolette, who was traded to the Tucson Gila Monsters for quality defenseman Jason Shmyr. A sweep over the weekend against Reno (unless something goes wrong again), however, was just the thing the team needed to get back on track for another Taylor Cup run.

PADRES WATCH: The team just held its second annual "First Pitch Weekend" a few days ago and if the crowd at Qualcomm was any indication, the signing of Kevin Brown, James Mouton and others, seems to have had a positive effect on 1998 ticket sales. Club CEO Larry Lucchino, fresh from his many Super Bowl party appearances a few weeks back, is anxious for the season to begin, as are most of us.

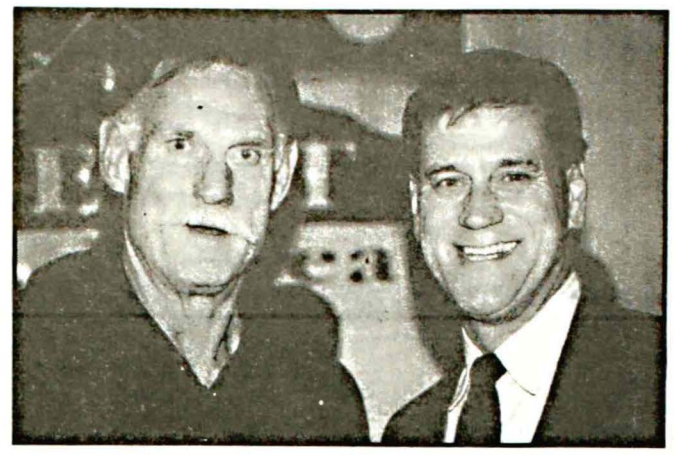
Last weekend's Steve Scott Festival of Miles wasn't as much of a draw without Mary Decker Slaney around to compete in the women's invitational. The former Olympic miler, who won last year's event, dropped out over an ill-timed and disruptive drug test which took place in her hometown of Portland, Ore.

Even though the race was held in Santee, Scott himself is from the North Coastal area. East County did have one representative, however, Darcy Arreola, a former Grossmont High School state champion who competed in the women's invitational.

That's about all I have time for this week, but I can still use any (and all) news tidbits for this column, so if you read it, think about letting me know what's going on by calling 390-2975 (or E-mailing ikeforum@juno.com). The little athlete in your life will appreciate it, as will I. Until then, have a great sports week.

Ex-semipro remembers 'M*A*S*H'

by Greg Eichelberger



Joel Glatte (right) and former Raider Ben Davidson, both living in East County, join the festivites at a recent NFL shindig. *Photo by Greg Eichelberger*

Most men who have played in one of the various semipro football teams that used to dot the Southern California landscape may have an old football, a helmet, a jersey or a media guide to mark their participation.

In addition to these things, Joel Glatte of El Cajon also had a part in an Academy Award-winning film.

Born in San Diego, Glatte attended Pacific Beach Junior High and graduated from Mission Bay High School. A football standout, he went on to Allen Hancock College (now Santa Maria College) and played for the semipro Santa Maria Hawks.

"In those days, playing on that level amounted to driving our own cars and getting paid gas money every now and then," he said. That was 1969.

One day a movie production person came up and asked the team if they'd be willing to "act" in a movie being shot down in Los Angeles.

The team was hesitant, but then the man said that each player would receive $500, which was a lot of money in those days, Glatte noted, who was 23 at the time. "And, then to be in a film on top of it was even better," he said.

No one on the squad knew anything about the picture being shot, "M*A*S*H." Glatte even freely admits that at that time, he had no idea what M*A*S*H stood for, if anything. It was only with the success of the TV show many years later that he, and many other people, found out that it was an acronym for Mobile Army Surgical Hospital.

As expected, he and his mates were hired as extras to fill out the film's climactic football game scene, in which the 4077th upsets another unit's more powerful team.

It was also where Glatte met Ben Davidson, who was then a big star with the Oakland Raiders, perennial champions of the American Football Conference's Western Division.

"I was on the M*A*S*H team that got to beat Ben's guys," said Glatte. "It was a lot of fun because here I was, this punk kid from a semipro team in Santa Maria looking across the line at superstars like Ben Davidson, Fran Tarkington, Nat Moore and Buck Buchanan."

Other teammates played the medics who went out to help a ringer from the other squad (who had already run in two TDs) who was injured. Instead of reviving him, they administered a knock-out drug to keep him out of the game.

It was all part of director Robert Altman's irreverent look at war, sports and the American way of life.

After the film came out in 1970, Glatte and his friends used to point out where they were in it and impress others that they had an actual part in a major motion picture.

That was the only movie, however, that Glatte was involved in. He soon transferred and played for Don Coryell while receiving his B.A. in Business from SDSU.

His wife, Pat, and he moved to El Cajon 15 years ago and sent two children to Granite Hills High School. He also has five grandchildren and works as a sales and marketing manager for J&M Restoration in Spring Valley.

One day, while lunching at The Brigantine in La Mesa, he ran into his old counterpart, Davidson, who now lives and owns a business in East County.

"He recognized me right away," said Glatte. "We talked for a bit and then promised to get together again. We did a few weeks ago when the Viejas Casino hosted a big local football party."

Glatte said that Davidson, once told him that the most he had ever made in the NFL was $45,000 a year. That's a far cry from the multimillions being pulled down by less-talented players of today who will never make the Hall.

"Those men played for the love of the game," he said. "Not for the money."

But Glatte has a few solid gold memories of his own. And all he has to do to remember them is rent a movie. Not bad for semipro ball.

East County
Community College schedule
(as available)
Tuesday, Feb. 3 - Tuesday, Feb. 10

Tuesday (2/3) – *WOMEN'S TENNIS*: Grossmont College at Cal State Fullerton (scrimmage).

Wednesday (2/4) – *MEN'S BASKETBALL*: Grossmont College at San Diego Mesa. *WOMEN'S BASKETBALL*: Grossmont College at Palomar College. *MEN'S TENNIS*: Grossmont College vs. Alumni (scrimmage)

Thursday (2/5) – *BASEBALL*: Grossmont College at Apache Classic (Southwestern College).

Friday, 2/6) – *BASEBALL*: Grossmont College at Apache Classic (Southwestern College).

Saturday (2/7) – *WOMEN'S BASKETBALL*: Grossmont College vs. San Diego Mesa. *MEN'S BASKETBALL*: Grossmont College at San Diego Mesa. *BASEBALL*: Grossmont College at Apache Classic (Southwestern College). *SOFTBALL*: Grossmont College at Cypress College Tournament (Los Angeles County).

Sunday (2/8) – *SOFTBALL*: Grossmont College at Cypress College Tournament (Los Angeles County). *MEN'S VOLLEYBALL*: Grossmont College at Long Beach CC Pool Play Tournament.

Tuesday (2/10) – *WOMEN'S TENNIS*: Grossmont College at USIU (scrimmage).

East County High Schools
Sports Schedules
(as available)
Tuesday, Feb. 3 – Tuesday, Feb. 10
(check with schools for times)

Tuesday (2/3) – *Girls Basketball* (Boys at opposite sites): Grossmont at El Capitan, West Hills at El Cajon Valley, Santana at Monte Vista, Helix at Granite Hills, Valhalla at Mount Miguel.

***Wednesday (2/4)** – *Boys Soccer* (Girls at opposite sites): Valhalla at Mount Miguel, Helix at Monte Vista, West Hills at Grossmont, El Cajon Valley at Santana. **Designated night game.*

Thursday (2/5) – *Wrestling* Helix at Valhalla, Mount Miguel at Granite Hills, El Cajon Valley at Santana, El Capitan at Grossmont, Monte Vista at West Hills.

Friday (2/6) – *Girls Basketball* (Boys at opposite sites): El Cajon Valley at Santana, Grossmont at West Hills, Mount Miguel at Monte Vista, Helix at Valhalla. *Boys Soccer* (Girls at opposite sites): Helix at Valhalla, Granite Hills at Mount Miguel, Grossmont at Santana, West Hills at El Capitan.

Tuesday (2/10) – *Girls Basketball* (Boys at opposite sites): Helix at Mount Miguel, Monte Vista at Granite Hills, Grossmont at El Cajon Valley, Santana at El Capitan.

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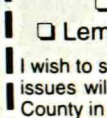

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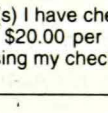

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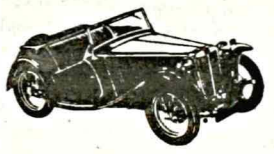

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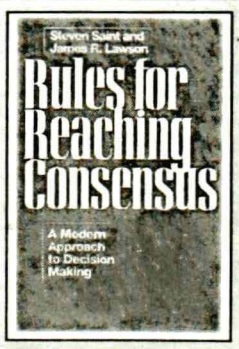

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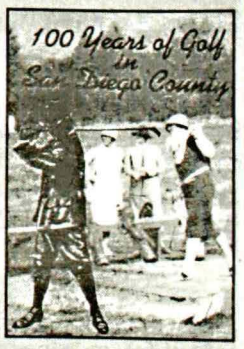

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